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Current Memberships: Acadian Association of Women Attorneys; American Bar Association; Lafayette Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association

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Tucker L. Melançon

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
 Education: LSU 1968 BS; Tulane 1973 JD
 Began Service: 1994
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Member of Board of Directors and Secretary-Treasurer, Laco Premium Plan Incorporated (1985); Member, Board of Directors and Secretary-Treasurer, Southeast Central Louisiana Premium Finance Company (1987); Member, Advisory Board, Catalyst Old River Hydroelectric Partnership (1989-1992)

Corporate: Member, Board of Directors, Catalyst Vidalia Corporation (1992-1994)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Knoll & Knoll (1973-1975); Sole Practitioner (1975-1983); Partner, Melancon & Rabalais (1984)

Current Memberships: The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association

Staff

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Robert G. James

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
 Education: Louisiana Tech 1968 BA; LSU 1971 JD
 Began Service: October 31, 1998
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

Judicial: Judge (part time), Ruston City Court (1985-1998); Judge Pro Tempore, Supreme Court of Louisiana, Lincoln and Union Parishes (1993-1997)

Legal Practice: Associate, Barham, Wright, Barham & Dawkins (1971-1972); Partner, Barham, Wright, Barham & Dawkins (and successor firms) (1972-1985)

Chambers of District Judge Robert G. James *continued*

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judges Association; Louisiana Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Tech University Foundation; The Nature Conservancy

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Dee D. Drell

District Judge

Date of Birth: November 4, 1947
 Education: Tulane 1968 BA, 1971 JD
 Began Service: May 9, 2003
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Attorney, Gravel, Roy and Burnes (1975-1981); Member, Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell (1981-2003)

Military Service: Judge Advocate General, United States Army (1971-1975)

Current Memberships: Alexandria Bar Association; American Bar Association; The Crossroads Inn of Court of Alexandria-Pineville, The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; Louisiana State Bar Association

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S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.

District Judge

Date of Birth: December 5, 1952
 Education: Texas Christian 1974 BA; LSU 1977 JD
 Began Service: June 12, 2003
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush
 Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Staff Attorney, Louisiana Legislature (1975-1977)

Current Memberships: Louisiana State Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

Profession: Private Practice (1977-2003)

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Patricia Head Minaldi

District Judge

Date of Birth: September 12, 1958
 Education: Wesleyan U 1980 BA; Tulane 1983 JD
 Began Service: June 16, 2003
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush
 Political Affiliation: Republican

Government: Assistant District Attorney, Orleans Parish, New Orleans (1983-1986); Assistant Attorney General, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana (1986-1996)

Judicial: Judge, 14th Judicial District of Louisiana (1996-2003)

Current Memberships: Louisiana State Bar Association; Southwest Louisiana Bar Association

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Note: District Judge Tom Stagg assumed "Senior" status as of February 29, 1992.

Tom Stagg

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1923
 Education: LSU 1943 BA, 1949 JD
 Began Service: 1974
 Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

Legal Practice: Attorney, Hargrove, Guyton, Van Hook & Hargrove (1949-1954); Senior Partner, Stagg, Cady & Beard (1958-1974)

Military Service: United States Army (1943-1946)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

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Donald E. Walter

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
 Education: LSU 1961 BA, 1964 JD
 Began Service: July 15, 1985
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Centenary College

Chambers of Senior Judge Donald E. Walter *continued*

Government: U.S. Attorney, Louisiana - Western District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1969-1977)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Cavanaugh, Brame, Holt & Woodley (1964-1966); Attorney, Holt & Woodley (1966-1969); Attorney, Hargrove, Guyton, Ramey & Barlow (1978-1985)

Military Service: United States Army (1957-1958)

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James T. Trimble, Jr.

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1932
 Education: LSU 1955 BA, 1956 JD
 Began Service: September 12, 1991
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
 Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1986-1991); District Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1991-2002)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Gist, Murchison, & Gist (1959-1978); Attorney, Trimble, Percy, Smith, Wilson, Foote, Walker & Honeycutt (1979-1986)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1956-1959)

Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana State Bar Association; Southwest Louisiana Bar Association

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Mildred E. Methvin

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
 Education: Tulane 1974 BA; Georgetown 1976 JD
 Began Service: June 13, 1983
 Term Expires: June 13, 2014

Government: Staff Assistant (R-LA, District 8), Office of Representative Gillis W. Long, United States House of Representatives (1974-1977); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Louisiana - Western District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice, Jimmy Carter Administration (1979-1981); Staff Attorney, United States Department of the Interior, Ronald Reagan Administration (1981-1983)

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